

## EXTENSION WORK; HOW IT IS DONE

Organization and Co-operation  
Secret of Success in This  
Great Field.

### EFFORT TO IMPROVE LIFE

Stirring Address Delivered by  
Superintendent Eggleston to  
Teachers at Normal School.

Following is in part an address delivered by Superintendent of Education Eggleston recently before the teachers attending the Summer Normal School at the University of Virginia:

What is meant by extension work? I take it to mean an intelligent effort to improve life—physical, mental, social, religious, economic.

Is it necessary? There is but one answer to this question. All who study present-day problems know that it is necessary. Can this extension work be done except by co-operation and organization? It is becoming increasingly evident that no great work can be done without thorough co-operation. For example, it is not possible to build roads by individual effort; a system of roads must be built by co-operation and organization.

What organization or machinery have we in Virginia for extension work—for the improvement of the physical, mental, social, religious and economic life?

First—Physical. The State Board of Health, recently organized, has made itself felt throughout the State. It is doing a splendid work in improving health conditions and in preaching a crusade against preventable diseases. The teachers can and should become familiar with the work of the Board of Health through the numerous bulletins issued.

The State Board of Charities, recently organized, is also doing a valuable work in the penal and eleemosynary institutions, in looking after the children, and in their headquarters are at Richmond, Va.

Second—Mental. We have the higher State and denominational institutions, the private schools, primary and grammar schools. Along with these may be mentioned the State Board of Education, in looking after the State Teachers' Association, each of which is a powerful factor for better educational conditions. I must, of course, mention the State Board of Education, but it can be said truthfully that each and every thing that looks toward the improvement of life in this State is the result of the hearty co-operation and special interest of the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction.

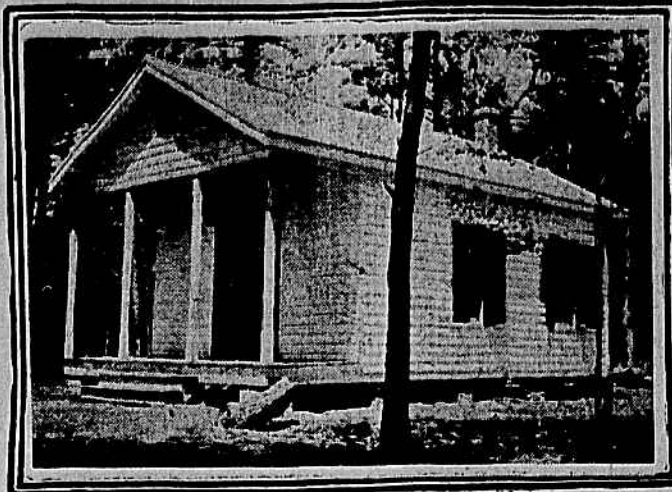
#### Women's Clubs.

Third—Social. Women's clubs for bettering education, for organizing school leavers, for organizing in Lynchburg, Bedford, Danville and other points. The work thus far attempted by these clubs has been in the direction of organizing the boys and girls in some ten or twelve counties to do work that looks toward the betterment of the homes. The boys are organized into corn clubs; the girls into cooking and sewing clubs. School fairs have been arranged for, and in a few cases have already been held. Considerable sums of money have been given for prizes to the boys and girls who are successful in competition. This work is arousing a great deal of interest where it has been tried, and this interest extends to all the people of the communities affected. Information concerning this work can be secured by writing to Mr. A. B. Harrington, Danville, Va., or to Mr. J. S. Thomas, supervisor of rural work, Richmond.

The Co-operative Education Association is doing a splendid work in organizing school leavers in scores of school communities. These leagues are put to work to improve the interiors and exteriors of schoolhouses. Buildings are painted, better ventilation is provided, libraries are secured, furnishings and school apparatus are bought, good pictures are put upon tinted walls, trees and flowers are planted, fences are built and the individuals of each community are thus brought into the work with the schoolroom. Individual effort put forth by the members of the leagues enhances the interest of each member of the school as a factor in the improvement of life. Any one who wishes to do so can organize a school league.

Fourth—Religious. I am glad to state that the Y. M. C. A. is now organizing work in certain counties of the State. This new department seems to me to be of immense importance. While a vast amount of work is needed in the cities and towns for the improvement of religious life, there can be no question that the country churches need the co-operation

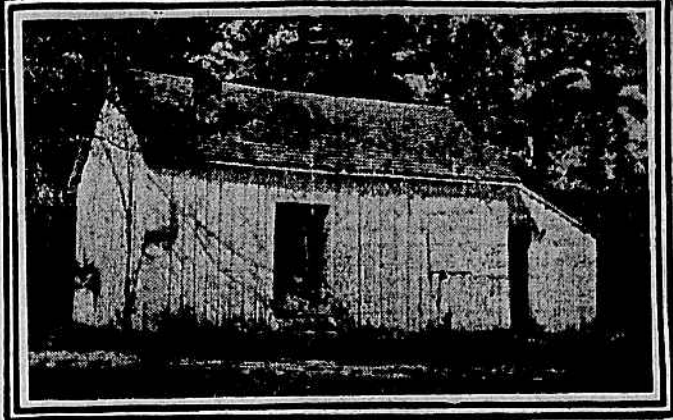
## PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN CHARLES CITY COUNTY



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and assistance of active Y. M. C. A. work. In a large number of our country communities there are either no churches, or preaching is so seldom that the people of these communities do not hear the gospel preached for weeks at a time. The effort of the Y. M. C. A. is to organize the boys, young men and old men into Bible classes for an earnest study of the Scriptures. I think some three or four counties have been organized, and only the lack of means prevents the extension of this great and much-needed work.

I have put the work of the Y. M. C. A. before that of the churches only in order to lead up to the mention of church conditions in many of our rural communities. I have already stated that in many of these communities there are either no churches or preaching is seldom heard. In a large number of other communities we find from three to five churches within easy reach of each other, where the community cannot adequately support more than one or two. As a member of one of the orthodox churches, I feel compelled to say that it seems to me that the various churches should, instead of trying to rival each other, in such communities as these, co-operate with each other in strengthening the church or churches already existing. Let the weaker ones give way to the stronger ones and assist them to meet all the religious conditions necessary. This is being done in the mission field. Why should it not be done in the home field? It is sad to relate that in some of these small communities, where there are three or four churches, there are three small, nearly or quite unwieldy, unattractive, inadequate schoolhouses. I do not take much stock in that kind of Christianity which builds three or four churches in a community and forces children to attend such schoolhouses.

Economic Features.

Fifth—Economic. Everything waits upon the making of money or wealth. We cannot build churches or houses without money. We cannot make money unless we prosper. We cannot prosper if the wrong kind of farming is carried on. The co-operative demonstration work, conducted under T. O. Sandy and others in Virginia, is proving of considerable value to our farmers. Starting about three years ago it has grown until now there are some 1,200 farmers in the State who are co-operating in the work. The purpose of these demonstrators, or experts, is to show the farmers the true nature of their soils, how to improve the soil at the least cost, how to make much better crops on the same land; and, thus, how to make more money.

An effort is now being made to connect this agricultural work with the school work, and I am sanguine that in a few months a solution will have been reached whereby the boys in large numbers of our communities will be organized to do definite and intelligent agricultural work, not only on the school grounds but on their fathers' farms.

The good roads league is destined to be of immense value to this State. Already a great movement has been started for the building of permanent roads, and this should meet with all possible encouragement from the teachers, as it means more money for the schools by virtue of improved values of the farms, more gradual school leaving, fewer one-room schools, and easier access to the schoolroom and to social and religious services. This league, I believe, sends out publications to those who are interested. Information can be had by writing the Hon. Charles T. Lassiter, Petersburg, Va.

Another splendid organization that is doing a great work for the economic improvement is the State Farmers' Institute. I am glad to say that this institute is not only interested in bettering the farms, but also in all the other improvements mentioned above.

Here, then, are the organizations by which to do extension work. These should be linked into a closer union, so that they may help each other consciously and constantly.

#### 3 GENERATIONS ATTENDING SCHOOL

Grandmother, Mother and Daughter are Students at the Farmville Normal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FARMVILLE, VA., July 24.—The good schools movement has reached Charles City county, and both pupils and teachers derived benefit from it during the past session. This movement has been evidenced by a larger attendance of pupils and a desire on the part of the board of school directors and county superintendent to give better buildings and have them more conveniently situated than heretofore. The very attractive new public school building built near Granville, in Charles City county, last fall is a practical evidence that the betterment of public school conditions in this historic section is already begun. For some years previous the children in the immediate district had been in the habit of attending classes which were held in a dilapidated building of one room, an abandoned country storehouse of the poorest type. It is needless to say that the attendance of pupils was very small, and that the teacher, who, by the way, was a most competent one, had small reason to feel enthusiastic over the results of her winter's work. In passing it may be well to add that this unsightly little building was situated on the side of the public road, far from the home of one single pupil. An average attendance of two out of a possible thirteen is conclusive proof that the building was, of itself, as well as location, entirely unsatisfactory.

Knowing that there were a number of children in the neighborhood who ought to receive at least the elements of a rudimentary education, the leading citizens of the community requested that a simple but comfortable and attractive schoolhouse be erected on a site which would be more convenient to the majority of pupils. Complying with their request, it was decided to build a new one at Granville.

The accompanying photographs show the old and the recently constructed building. The most casual observer will note that the latter possesses every advantage over the former, and that the new building is a gratifying contrast to the old one. The average attendance in the new schoolhouse was eleven instead of two.

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be placed in front of each of four passages which run through the building. The new building will be greatly changed. The prospects for the approaching session are exceedingly bright, and the largest attendance in many years is looked for.

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## MADISON NORMAL PROVES SUCCESS

Five Counties Are Represented  
and Teaching Corps Is  
Unusually Strong.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
MADISON, VA., July 24.—The fourth session of the Madison Summer Normal for Teachers is proving very successful. Many new teachers are in attendance. Five counties are represented—Madison, Guilford, Rappahannock, Greene and Orange. The teachers are well pleased with Madison and have entered upon the work with much enthusiasm. The instructors are well pleased with the prospects for a very successful normal.

The faculty is composed of able and experienced instructors. Professor James G. Johnson, the conductor of the normal, is a B. A. and M. A. of Milligan College, and an M. A. and Ph. D. of the University of Virginia. Professor Johnson was recently appointed superintendent of schools for the city of Charlottesville, and is recognized as one of the best teachers in the State.

Professor A. C. Kimler is a B. A. and M. A. of Franklin and Marshall College. This is the second year that Professor Kimler has taught here in the normal and the work that he is doing is of the highest type. His long experience as a teacher in the public schools has taught him the needs of the public school teacher, and he is unflinching in his endeavor to help those under his control.

Elizabeth Wiley is a graduate of the University of Texas. Although this is the first time Miss Wiley has taught in the Madison Summer Normal, yet she is not a stranger to the people of the town. Miss Wiley has shown that she is a capable and is working hard to make the normal a success.

The following daily program is being carried out:  
8:15 to 8:45—Physiology, Miss Wiley.  
9 to 9:30—English history, James G. Johnson.  
9:30 to 10—Algebra, A. C. Kimler.  
10 to 10:30—Spelling, Miss Wiley.  
10:30 to 10:45—United States history, J. G. Johnson.

10:45 to 11:15—Theory and practice, J. G. Johnson.  
11:15 to 11:45—Arithmetic, A. C. Kimler.  
11:45 to 12:30—Physical geography, Miss Wiley.  
12:30 to 2—Recess.  
2 to 2:30—Geography, A. C. Kimler.  
2:30 to 3—Civil government, A. C. Kimler.  
3 to 3:30—Grammar, J. G. Johnson.  
3:30 to 4—Drawing, primary methods, Miss Wiley.

#### Normal School Notes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BIG STONE GAP, VA., July 24.—The enrollment at the State Summer Normal here has reached 30. It is expected to be 30 by the end of the week. Miss Ida Stahl, of Belleville, N. J., has arrived and is conducting four classes in writing.

P. McConnell, Ph. D. of Emory and Henry College, was a visitor at the Normal during the first of the week. Much credit is due to Professor McConnell for his interest in the work of the Normal. He has been very helpful in the work of the Normal, and has been very helpful in the work of the Normal.

An excellent entertainment was given in the auditorium of the school building last night. Mrs. Josephine Kane, of Bristol, assisted by local talent, presented a most interesting and enjoyable program of the Normal, consisting of reading and music. Those taking part were Mrs. Kane, Professor John A. Hicks, Misses Elizabeth Burgess, Virginia Beverly and Elizabeth Agee.

George E. Little, of Washington, the "Chalk Talk Man," gave an illustrated talk to-night at the school building. Mr. Little is a man of splendid reputation. He was a public lecturer in the auditorium of the school building, this afternoon on sanitation, etc. Miss Roberts speaks by invitation of the Woman's Civic League of the town.

#### Mathews Social News.

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MATHEWS, VA., July 24.—Daniel Richardson, after an absence of several months, is at home again.  
Miss Carrie Hudgins, daughter of Claudine Hudgins, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Isaac Freeman, of Baltimore, is at her old home, "Green Mountain."  
Mrs. J. E. Metcalf, of Lynchburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudgins, at their home, "The Hill."  
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Emmett Britts, of Lynchburg, visited his sister, Mrs. Griggs, at her home, "The Hill."  
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#### Midlothian Social News.

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MIDLOTHIAN, VA., July 24.—Miss Mary Page Allgood, of Petersburg, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Field, has returned home.  
Miss Hazel Hudgins, of Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudgins, at their home, "The Hill."  
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